

CHAPTER 464
Tampering With Vehicles

464.01 Injury and trespass to vehicles. 464.99 Penalty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Tampering with vehicles - see Code of Va. ' 18.2-146

Tampering with odometers - see Code of Va.

' 46.2-112

Abandoned, inoperable and unattended vehicles - see

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464.01 INJURY AND TRESPASS TO VEHICLES.

(a) No person shall, individually or in association with one or more others, willfully break, injure, tamper with or remove any part of any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer for the purpose of injuring, defacing or destroying such motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer or temporarily or permanently preventing its useful operation, or for any other purpose, against the will or without the consent of the owner of such motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer.

(b) No person shall, in any other manner, willfully or maliciously interfere with or prevent the running or operation of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer.

(c) No person shall, without the consent of the owner or person in charge of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, climb into or open such motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer with intent to commit any crime, malicious mischief or injury thereto, or, while a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer is at rest and unattended, attempt to manipulate any of the levers or starting crank or other device, brakes or mechanism thereof or to set such motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer in motion. However, the foregoing provision shall not apply when any such act is done in an emergency or in furtherance of public safety or by or under the direction of an officer in the regulation of traffic or the performance of any other official duty.

464.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 428.99 for general Traffic Code penalty if no specific penalty is provided.)